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Applicants : Gregory P. Dittmer et al.
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability dated September 12, 2005, the Examiner indicated that he could not locate copies of the following references submitted by applicants with the information disclosure statements submitted on August 30, 2004 and September 20, 2004:¹

Foreign Patents

4-101286

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Japan

¹ The Notice of Allowability stated that the information disclosure statements were submitted on September 1, 2004 and September 22, 2004. However, applicants mailed the stated documents on August 30, 2004 and September 20, 2004 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

Other Documents

Linear Technology, Nelson., C., "The LT1432:5 Volt Regulator Achieves 90% Efficiency," Linear Technology Magazine, Vol. 2, No. 1, p 12, continued on p 19, 2/92

Maxim Integrated Products, Inc., "MAX635/36/37 Fixed Output CMOS Inverting Switching Regulators," Maxim 1989 Integrated Circuits Data Book, pp. 6-49 to 6-56, 1989

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Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants resubmit herewith copies of those references.¹

Also, in the September 20, 2004 information disclosure statement, applicants identified the following four references:

U.S. Patents

5,731,694	03-24-1998	Wilcox et al.
5,994,885	11-30-1999	Wilcox et al.
6,304,066	10-16-2001	Wilcox et al.
6,580,258	06-17-2003	Wilcox et al.

Due to inadvertent error on applicants' part, applicants unintentionally left these references off of the FORM PTO-1449 accompanying the September 20, 2004 information disclosure statement. However, applicants had identified two of these four references (i.e., U.S. Patent Nos. 5,731,694 and 5,994,885) previously in the August 30, 2004 information disclosure statement and accompanying FORM PTO-1449. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, applicants resubmit herewith U.S. Patent Nos. 6,304,066 and 6,580,258 for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants apologize for the error and any inconvenience this has caused.

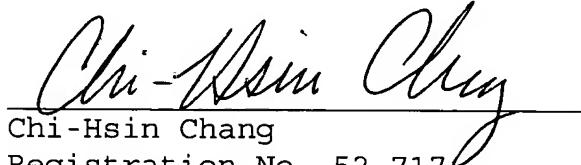
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Pursuant to the PTO's waiver of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98 (a) (2) (i), 1276 OG 55, applicants have not submitted copies of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication. Copies of the aforementioned foreign patent publications and other documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08, are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent that may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO/SB/08, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

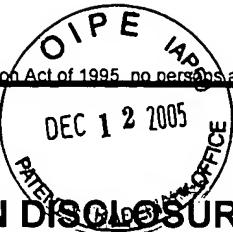


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